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SUBJECT: FMG APPROACH TO OAU CM MEETING

1. ACCORDING TO SENIOR MEA OFFICIAL, FMG IS NOT AT ALL SURE WHAT WILL EMERGE FROM FORTHCOMING EXTRAORDINARY CM SESSION SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK IN DAR ES SALAAM. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 2, SOURCE SAID NIGERIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE OAU MINISTERS CONDEMN "DIALOGUE" BUT GIVE GREEN LIGHT TO KAUNDA, NYERERE ET AL TO CONTINUE THEIR SEARCH FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

2. LOOKING AHEAD TO MEETING , SOURCE SAID THIS OUTCOME HAD
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APPEARED PROBABLE UP TO TEND DAYS AGO. ONLY ONE OR TWO OF MOST RADICAL STATES MIGHT HAVE BEEN TEMPTED TO CRITICIZE FOUR AFRICAN

LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN DEALING WITH VORSTER OVER RHODESIAN QUESTION, WHILE VAST MAJORITY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE ENCOURAGED THEIR EFFORTS. HOWEVER, ASSASSINATION OF CHITEPO HAD COAST SERIOUS SHADOW OVER SITUATION. COMBINED WITH FRUSTRATIONS GROWING OUT OF HEIGHTENING RHODESIAN STANCE, THIS MIGHT EVEN LEAD KAUNDA OR NYERERE TO RECOMMEND AGAINST CONTINUED NEGOTIATING PROCESS. FMG, SOURCE STRESSED, WAS NOT ANTICIPATING SUCH COUNSEL OF DESPAIR AND HOPED FOUR LEADERS WOULD RECOMMEND CONTINUED NEGOTIATION, BUT DID FEEL THAT SITUATION WAS VERY MUCH IN FLUX.

3. WHATEVER DECISION EMERGES WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC CONTACT ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA QUESTIONS, SOURCE CONTINUED, CM MEETING COULD BE COUNTED ON FOR FRESH CONDEMNATION OF ANY BROADER DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE EXPECTED GENERAL RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT WOULD INCLUDE FRESH DENUNCIATION OF APARTHEID AND REAFFIRMATION OF ORIGINAL LUSAKA FORMULA THAT "DIALOGUE" MUST BEGIN WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.
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